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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF US INVOLVEMENT IN DEATH OF ALDO MORO

1. SUMMARY: AUGUST 8 PANORAMA ARTICLE INSINUATES THAT U.S. MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF ALDO MORO. ANOTHER FILIPPO CECCARELLI WEAVES WEB OF INNUENDO, OUT-OF-CONTEXT QUOTES, AND REAL OR IMAGINED POLITICAL SLIGHTS TO MORO, INTO CONCLUSION THAT FORCES IN THE U.S. IF NOT THE USG DIRECTLY, MAY HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE EVENTS WHICH LED TO THE DEATH OF ALDO MORO. END SUMMARY.

2. AUGUST 8 ISSUE OF WEEKLY PANORAMA CARRIES ARTICLE, TITLED "MORO LIKE KENNEDY?," WHICH TRIES TO SHOW THAT THE U.S. WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH
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OF DC PRESIDENT ALDO MORO. CECCARELLI CLAIMS THAT MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT MORO FELL VICTIM TO A HIGHLY ORGANIZED PLOT, AND SAYS THE "DISTURBING SUSPICION WHICH IS BEGINNING TO GAIN CREDENCE WITHIN THE DC" IS THAT "U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILITARY CIRCLES" MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE KIDNAPPING AND ASSASSINATION.

3. CECCARELLI USES QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO EX-UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS GIUSEPPE ZAMBERLETTI ("A EUROPE WITH ITS OWN CHARACTERISTIC AUTONOMY COMPETES WITH IMPORTANT INTERESTS OF MULTINATIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPS AND COUNTRIES WHO DO NOT WISH TO DISTURB THE STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL EQUILIBRIUM"), AND TO NEW DC PRESIDENT FLAMINIO PICCOLI ("IS THERE SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WANT THE ITALIANS TO HAVE A POLICY OF THEIR OWN, TO SEEK THEIR OWN AUTONOMOUS WAYS OF RESOLVING CONFLICTS AND DIFFICULTIES?") TO TRY TO SHOW THAT "AUTHORITATIVE DC LEADERS" SUPPORT THIS THEORY OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT.

4. CECCARELLI CLAIMS SUSPICION NO LONGER LIMITED TO DC: "THE FEELING OF SUSPICION AND DISTRUST TOWARDS THE U.S. HAS BREACHED THE CONFINES OF THE DC AND ESTABLISH A BRIDGEHEAD IN (NON-DC) CATHOLIC CIRCLES..." CECCARELLI CITES MILAN BASED MAGAZINE, CATHOLIC STUDIES, WHICH, HE CLAIMS, "CONTAINED AN ARTICLE WHOSE CENTRAL THESIS WAS THAT THE 'STATE OF EFFERVESCENCE' FROM WHICH NOT ONLY THE STUDENT MOVEMENT, BUT ALSO THE AUTONOMIA, THE ARMED PROLETARIAN NUCLEUS (NAP) AND THE RED BRIGADES WERE BORN, WAS 'ARTIFICIALLY CREATED' LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND 'SCIENTIFICALLY PLANNED' BY 'DISCREET MANIPULATIONS' AND 'PUPPETEERS' WHO HOPE TO FIND 'NEW VALUE STRUCTURES ON WHICH TO FOUND THE CIVILIZATION OF THE POST-CAPITALISTIC FUTURE.' THE "PUPPETEERS" ARE DESCRIBED AS "ALMOST ENTIRELY AMERICAN " FROM "MIT, THE BILDERBERG GROUP, THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AND THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION."

5. ARTICLE ALSO QUOTES FRIENDS OF MORO ON THE "PROFOUND DISTRUST" WHICH "MANY POWERFUL AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LEADERS" FELT FOR MORO AND ATTEMPTS TO SHOW THAT THIS "DISTRUST" MAY HAVE BEEN THE REASON FOR HIS MURDER.

6. CECCARELLI ALSO FINDS EVIDENCE FOR HIS THEORIES IN THE BEHAVIOUR OF MANY PEOPLE IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ROME DURING THE HOT DAYS OF THE MORO AFFAIR; HEREMTIC ISOLATION, SUSPENSION OF ALMOST ALL CONTACTS, MAXIMUM RESERVE AND ICY COURTESY." HE ADDS THAT "THE LACK OF COOPERATION BY THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

DURING THE SEARCH FOR THE EX-PRIME MINISTER
CAUSED A CERTAIN EMBARRASSMENT" AND MAINTAINS
IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE ARTICLE THAT RELATIONS
BETWEEN MORO AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WERE NEVER
GOOD: "THEY WERE NEVER RELATIONS OF COMPLETE
TRUST."

7. CECARELLI HAS WOVEN A WEB OF INNUENDO,
IMAGINED POLITICAL SLIGHTS TOWARD MORO BY UMS.
OFFICIALS, AND VAGUE, OUT-OF-CONTEXT QUOTES
FROM CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS TO ARRIVE
AT HIS PROPOSTEROUS CONCLUSION. HOWEVER,
MANY ITALIAN POLITICIANS NATURE A CONSPIRACY
THEORY OF HISTORY AND SUSPICION THAT U.S.
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MAY HAVE SOMEHOW BEEN INVOLVED IN MORO'S
MURDER MAY BE GAINING CREDENCE EVEN AMONG
THE MORO FAMILY AND PERSONS CLOSE TO IT.

8. BECAUSE OF CONTINUED, IRRESPONSIBLE ATTACKS ON U.S.
IN PANORAMA AND IN VIEW OF SIMILAR FLAGRANT ARTICLES IN
RECENT ISSUES OF THE MAGAZINE, EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO
RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES: BEGIN TEXT: THE INSINUATIONS IN MR. CECARELLI'S
ARTICLE IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION OF PANORAMA ARE AS UNTRUE
AS THEY ARE CONTEMPTIBLE. IT IS ASTONISHING THAT A
PUBLICATION WHICH PURPORTS TO BE A SERIOUS MAGAZINE
SHOULD PUBLISH SUCH FABRICATIONS. END TEXT. HOLMES

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